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Comprising a-Hydroxyearboxylic Acids and N-Substituted-a-Aminocarboxylic Acids

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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP), issued by the International Bureau of WIPO on December 13, 2005, in the corresponding International Application No.

PCT/EP2004/005995. The documents cited in the IPRP were previously cited by the Applicants in an Information Disclosure Statement filed December 8, 2005; consequently, copies of the documents cited in the IPRP are not being submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the IPRP be placed in the file and made officially of record in this application.

A first Official Action has not yet issued for this application. Therefore, it is believed that no fees are due under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b)(3).

Respectfully submitted.

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